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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL ACTION ON THE HORN

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1. EAST AFRICA DEPT HEAD (MUNRO) TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER MARCH 16 THAT FOLLOWING DEMARCHE TO FELEKE IN ADDIS ABABA LAST WEEKEND, THE FCO HAD CONCLUDED THE GREATEST CHANCE OF SUCCESS IN A WESTERN INITIATIVE ON THE HORN LIES IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE. ONLY ON THE ISSUE OF SUCH ASSISTANCE HAD FELEKE BEEN POSITIVE AND RESPONSIVE ACCORDINGLY, FCO CONTACTED THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS HEADQUARTERS IN GENEVA MARCH 15. ICRC INFORMED THE
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BRITISH THAT THEY ARE ABOUT TO LAUNCH AN INTERNATIONAL APPEAL FOR THE OGADEN AND THAT THE EPMG HAD AGREED TO ALLOW AN ICRC REPRESENTATIVE INTO THE AREA AS EARLY AS NEXT WEEK.

2. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY GRAHAM ALSO COMMENTED THAT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

SEEMED THE ONLY BRIGHT SPOT IN THE OTHERWISE BLEAK
PICTURE IN THE HORN. AN ICRC PRESENCE IN THE OGADEN
WOULD AT LEAST AMOUNT TO A VERSION OF INTERNATIONAL
"OBSERVERS." THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THE OAU WILL
PROVE AN EFFECTIVE MECHANISM EXCEPT IN HAMSTRINGING OUR
OWN EFFORTS AT THE UNITED NATIONS. GRAHAM SAID, HOW-
EVER, THAT IF THE SOVIETS AND CUBANS IN ETHIOPIA TURN
THEIR ATTENTION TO ERITREA, WE HAVE A NEW SITUATION AND
SHOULD NOT HESITATE TO GO DIRECT TO THE UN. BREWSTER

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